

CONSERVATION PLANNING WORKBOOK



THE PURPOSE OF THIS WORKBOOK IS TO ASSIST NRCS FIELD OFFICES IN PRODUCING A QUALITY CONSERVATION PLAN THAT CAPTURES YOUR CURRENT OPERATION AND HELPS YOU MEET YOUR FARMING OBJECTIVES AND COMPLY WITH ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

- **If you have a conservation plan already on file with the County NRCS or Soil Conservation District office, three years old or less, completing the questions is not necessary. But please take the time to review your plan with your Field Office Conservationist to ensure that the plan is up to date and meeting your current objectives.**
- **If you are a new landowner/operator and seeking NRCS technical advice or you are seeking cost-share assistance for our Farm Bill programs, please complete the questionnaire and return it to your local NRCS USDA Service Center.**

Thank you for your interest in USDA–NRCS natural resources conservation programs!

Natural Resources Conservation Service programs help people reduce soil erosion, enhance water supplies, improve air and water quality, increase wildlife habitat, and reduce damages caused by floods and other natural disasters. Public benefits include enhanced natural resources that help sustain agricultural productivity and environmental quality while supporting continued economic development, recreation, and scenic beauty. Much of the funding for conservation programs is associated with provisions of the 2002 Farm Bill and the NRCS Conservation Program Allocations to States. The funding for conservation programs has increased significantly since 2003. The demand for these programs and for NRCS technical assistance has increased four-fold. In order to help you develop a conservation plan and to help us service applications for financial assistance as quickly as possible.

The Conservation Planning Workbook was developed for your use in preparing a conservation plan as well as for the purpose of helping you understand what information you will be required to provide as a part of the application process and for participation in the following Farm Bill programs*:

- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
- Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)
- Ground and Surface Water Conservation Program (GSWC)
- Agricultural Management Assistance Program (AMA)

(*Note: detailed information can be located at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/> or <http://www.ut.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/>).

If you are applying for financial assistance, to ensure timely processing of your application, please complete the following:

1. **Read the Application Checklist.**
2. **Complete the assessment sheets** for the land uses you wish to address. For example, if you wish to address irrigation efficiency on cropland, complete the “Cropland Assessment.”
3. **Complete and sign the Producer Application Checklist**, attaching the required documentation, such as proof of control or ownership of the land, water rights, and vendor information.
4. **Sign all documents** where indicated and return them to your local USDA-NRCS Service Center. Additional detailed information on all conservation programs and a downloadable version of the 2007 Application Workbook is located at <http://www.ut.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/>.

Producer Application Checklist

As required, and in order to expedite processing of your application for participation in EQIP, GSW, and/or WHIP, you must provide certain information as described below. Take the completed packet to your local USDA-NRCS office and obtain an official application form, CCC-1200, fill out and submit to the local NRCS office. An example of the CCC-1200/1202 is included in the back of this workbook.

Assessment Worksheets – Complete and sign the applicable worksheet, ie, Crop/Hayland, Grazing Land, Confined Animal Feeding Operations, Wildlife.

Irrigation History – For irrigation projects, you must self-certify irrigation history by completing and signing UT-LTP-3, Producer Self-Certification of Irrigation History.

Beginning Farmer/Limited Resource Producer – To determine if you are eligible and for more information you can visit http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/SLB_Farmer/. Complete the On-Line Limited Resource Producer Self-Determination Tool. (Note: No documentation is required for self-certification. However, if you certify that you are eligible for the special cost-share payment rates under EQIP, at a later date, supporting documentation may be requested.)

Proof of Land Ownership – You must provide documentation of land ownership. (deeds, tax assessment, or other legal documentation.)

Leased Land – If the land is leased you must provide NRCS with evidence that you have control of the land for the length of the contract you wish to enter in to. Such evidence could be a copy of the lease agreement or a signed letter from the landowner. You must also supply evidence of the landowner's approval to apply structural practices on the land.

Water Rights – For irrigation projects and certain wetland restoration projects, you must provide documentation of water rights and applicable “change of use permits” associated with that tract of land. Water rights must be sufficient for crops being produced. This documentation may be in the form of water certificates and/or a letter from the Irrigation Company stating that the tract of land has sufficient water rights available for use.

Legal documentation of signatory – Documentation may include Power of Attorney or Articles of Incorporation that stipulates who has signatory authority for the entity or operation.

Vendor Information – In order for us to reimburse you, the vendor information is required. Please provide a current 1199a, available at your local NRCS office. If you have participated in the past, we may have one on file.

Producer Signature

Date



What is a Conservation Plan?

A conservation plan is a voluntary, site-specific comprehensive, and action oriented, document containing natural resource information and record of decisions made by you the client. It describes the schedule of operations and activities needed to solve the identified natural resource problems. The conservation plan is a guide to help the landowner manage his/her operation. The conservation plan is a tool that helps manage your land's profitability while protecting, conserving, and enhancing your natural resources such as soil, water, air, plants and animals. A conservation plan, when completed, will provide alternatives and describe each of the conservation practices you may select to manage the natural resources on your farm to meet your goals, and objectives. Developing a conservation plan is voluntary and relies upon you making decisions and implementing the plan.

The Conservation Planning Process consists of nine steps divided into three phases. Completing the Farmland Conservation Planning Workbook (Workbook) is part of the first step in fact gathering needed to complete your conservation plan. After completing the Workbook, a conservation planner will still need to make one or more visits to your farm to collect specific information needed to complete your conservation plan.

After completing this workbook, please call your local NRCS or Soil Conservation District office so that you may begin to work together with a conservation planner.

The location and telephone number of your nearest USDA Service Center is on the Utah NRCS Web Site www.ut.nrcs.usda.gov or in the phone book under United States Department of Agriculture.

Potential benefits of implementing a conservation plan on your land:

- ▶ Increase in economic return on the operation
- ▶ Improve soil quality and plant production
- ▶ Increase irrigation water efficiency for your crops and grazing land
- ▶ Ensure better natural resource quality for you, your animals and your land
- ▶ Increase your property value
- ▶ Enhance open space and wildlife habitat
- ▶ Improve animal health
- ▶ Prevent off-farm impacts
- ▶ Contribute to plant health and vigor
- ▶ Make your land more attractive and promote good neighbor relations
- ▶ Improve chances of funding through Farm Bill Programs

Information About Your Land

Please complete the following information.

Name of Landowner: _____

Name of Land Manager: _____

Business or Farm Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____

County: _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone Numbers: **Home -** _____

Business - _____

Cell - _____

E-mail address: _____

List the location of the land, or portion of land, you wish to plan.

FSA Farm Number/s: _____

FSA Tract Number/s: _____

Watershed: _____

Location:
(section, township, range, etc.): _____

Conservation Planning Self-Assessment

This self-assessment is required and must be completed by the client or decisionmaker prior to requesting a conservation plan. Please answer the questions as they relate to your operation.

Are you aware of any resource problems or concerns on your land?

Yes No

If yes, tell us about your problems or concerns. _____

What opportunities do you have to solve the problems or concerns? _____

What are your objectives? This includes land use, and problems and opportunities that you want to address. Consider the values you hold regarding natural resource use and protection, and your desire for improving your operation and/or quality of life. _____

Please complete the appropriate land use inventory to summarize natural resource, economic, and social information about your operation.

Land Use Information

Please circle the land uses that apply to your farming operation:

Cropland/Hayland

A land cover/use category that is used for the production of adapted crops for harvest.

Grazingland

A land use of either introduced forage plants (irrigated or dry land) or land composed principally of native plants for the purpose of livestock grazing.

Wetlands

Lands transitional between terrestrial and aquatic systems where the water table is usually at or near the surface or the land is covered by shallow water.

Wildlife Habitat

Any land use that has the potential to be managed for wildlife habitat.

Headquarters

The land that normally has the home (residence), barn, sheds, corrals.

Confined Animal Feeding Operation

A designated enclosed area (corral) that is not planted to crop or pasture, where livestock are confined for more than 45 days.

Economic Considerations

MONEY

If you are a long time landowner or a new landowner, economics will play a role in your decisionmaking. For the new landowner, the expectation of paying for the land by raising some kind of crop may not be feasible in today's economic market because of the high land values. So why did you buy the land?

- To be in the country?
- To have an investment for the future?
- To have a hobby farm for you and your family?
- Other?

TIME

Another management decision will be how much time do you want to devote to the land?

- Do you want to work the farm? Full-time or part-time?
- Do you want someone else to do part or all of the work?
- Do you want grazing animals?
- Do you want to produce a crop and sell the commodity/product?

The following is a quick overview of a few management options you might consider:

- **Leasing the farm to someone else** – will involve very little of your time or equipment. You will likely own the equipment, but the lessee would be responsible for the operation and maintenance. All planting, irrigation, weed and pest control, fertilizing and harvesting would be the lessee's responsibility. In turn, the lessee may pay you enough to cover the water assessment and land taxes.
- **Crop Sharing** – is similar to the above leasing option except you would be paid in crops rather than money.
- **Custom Farming** – is where you hire someone to do the jobs for which you do not have the skills, knowledge, or equipment (plowing, disking, planting, cutting, baling, etc.). Usually you take care of the irrigation, but you hire someone else to do everything else. You keep all the harvest.
- **Small Acreage Farming** – The most common crop in Utah is hay production. It is expensive. The cost of the equipment is so high that you need to harvest 5 to 7 tons of alfalfa per acre on at least 80 acres of land just to break even with the equipment costs. This does not pay land cost or taxes. If you already own equipment, hay production may be a feasible alternative.
- **Grazing (Pastureland)** – managing your pastures for livestock production is one option that will have some economic return.

Goals and Concerns

Please summarize your goals (natural resource goals, production and economic goals, etc.) and any changes to your farm that you would like to see take place.

If you have any soil, water, air, plant, animal or human problems or concerns, please list them here (i.e., streambank erosion, irrigation problems, odor issues, etc).

Circle either Yes or No for each question.

Do you currently use an irrigation system?	Yes	No
If so, is your irrigation system a sprinkler system? (hand line, wheel line, or pivot)	Yes	No
Does your farm have any streams on it?	Yes	No
Does your farm have any wetlands or wet areas?	Yes	No
Does your farm have any wildlife areas, such as pivot corners, field borders, windbreaks, or other areas with natural vegetation that is not managed to produce a crop?	Yes	No
Are there any cultural or historic resources such as buildings, roads, structures, canals, prehistoric sites or artifacts over 50 years old on your property?	Yes	No
Do you handle, use, or store pesticides?	Yes	No
Do you handle, use, or store fertilizers?	Yes	No
Do you store, generate, or use agricultural waste? (livestock manure, compost, barnyard runoff)	Yes	No
Is manure contained on your property (OR) Does manure enter ANY water body (drain, stream, river)?	Yes	No
Do you use a setback where manure is applied near a water source?	Yes	No
Do you apply manure to land in the winter?	Yes	No

Producer Self-Certification of Irrigation History

Operator/Farm Name _____

County _____ Water Source _____

FSA Farm and Tract Number(s) _____

I certify that I have physically irrigated the acres as listed below. I am attaching the following irrigation documentation to support my claim:

- ☐ **Irrigation canal records and/or other supporting documentation**
- ☐ **Map and/or aerial photograph showing the field(s) with irrigation history**
- ☐ **Other (please describe):** _____

Tract	Field	Current Irrigation Method	Total acres in field	Acres/crop irrigated in 200_	Acres/crop irrigated in 200_	Acres/crop irrigated in 200_	Acres/crop irrigated in 200_	Acres/crop irrigated in 200_

*Enter last 5 years, starting with year prior to application for assistance.

I understand that it is my responsibility to provide NRCS with all records necessary to verify this irrigation history. I also understand that it is my responsibility to provide accurate and complete information and that providing false information may subject me to criminal and/or civil penalties. I understand that NRCS has the final decision regarding irrigation history requirements.

NOTE: If I am awarded an EQIP contract, my signature indicates that I agree to use the installed system only on the acres listed and approved in my EQIP contract for the NRCS-designated life of the installed practice. Information on the life span of a practice can be obtained from NRCS personnel and will be listed on the CCC-1245. *My signature below indicates that I have read and understand, or had explained to me, all requirements referenced within this document.*

Producer Signature

Date



Cropland Information

Are you currently using a regular crop rotation?	Yes	No
If yes, what is your current crop rotation?		
Do you farm on the contour (in steep slope areas)?	Yes	No
Do you currently leave plant residue from your harvested crop on the soil surface?	Yes	No
Do you apply pesticides/herbicides/insecticides to your cropland?	Yes	No
Do you apply nutrients according to a current soil test (less than three years old)?	Yes	No
Are ditches, gullies, or other active erosion occurring? (indicate on map)	Yes	No
Is stream bank erosion occurring? (indicate on map)	Yes	No
Do you apply livestock waste? (Indicated on map)	Yes	No

Please Note:

It is important for the conservation planner to know all the details involved in your cropping rotation. However, we understand that your rotation may vary year to year due to weather and economic conditions. Therefore, we need you to be as specific as possible and give us the rotation you would use in a typical cropping year. The next page includes a chart to be filled out completely with as much detail as possible. The information below is additional information that will be needed. If it applies to your management system, please fill it out.

***Below:** Circle the specific equipment that you use and fill-in the number of passes across the field for which it is used in field preparation during the growing season.*

EQUIPMENT	TYPE	# Passes	TYPE	# Passes	TYPE	# Passes
Moldboard Plow	Plow					
Chisel	Shank Straight		Shank Twisted		Sweeps	
Disk	Offset- Light Duty		Offset – Heavy Duty		Tandem Disk	
Finishing Tools	Culti- packer		Harrow			
Field Cultivator	Duckfoot Points		Sweeps/ Shovels		Chisel Point	

Alfalfa Considerations: _____

How do you prepare the soil for planting? (Example, 1 pass with chisel, 2 passes with a disk).

Time of seeding (circle one): _____ Spring Seeded _____ Fall Seeded

How many years typically in alfalfa? _____

Cropping Management Inventory and Field Information

Crop	Field #	Acres	Years in Rotation	Avg. Yield	Fert. Type	Rate/ ac	Irrigated y/n?	Irrigation type	Does water run-off field?
Winter Wheat	1	30	2	130 bu	10-20-10	100	Y	Flood	Yes
Alfalfa	2	15	4	4 Tons	0-20-20	50	Y	Sprinkler	no
Pasture	3	8	Cont	1 Ton	NA		N		NA
Crop	Field #	Acres	Years in Rotation	Ave. Yield	Fert. Type	Rate/ ac	Irrigated y/n?	Irrigation type	Enter Water?

LOCATION OF CROPLAND APPLICATION ACRES – Please provide copies of maps with legal descriptions and all fields clearly marked. Is the acreage offered currently under any other USDA Conservation Program? Check those that apply.

- ☐ Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)
- ☐ Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
- ☐ Conservation Security Program (CSP)
- ☐ Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP)
- ☐ Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)
- ☐ Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)
- ☐ Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)

Please note the location and program(s) on the map(s) provided.

Note: The participant must provide a copy of the lease for any leased land and/or leased water on the land that is to be enrolled in a Farm Bill Program. There must also be a letter from the owner allowing the lessee to install the practice, including a statement in the letter that the practice(s) will be maintained for the life of the contract.

Property Location

With a pencil (so you can make changes) draw a sketch of your land, using the following symbols, similar to the example below.











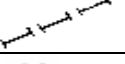

or

Utah's Web Soil Survey can be accessed on line at

<http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/>

See attachment for steps to access your acreage.

LEGEND

Property Boundaries	
Fences and corrals	
Buildings	
Wells	
Septic System Area	
Streams	
Pond, or Wetlands	
Trough	
Weedy Areas	
Trees & Shrubs	
Existing Pit	
Pipeline	
Spring	

Grazingland Information

PLEASE COMPLETE THE BENCHMARK CONDITION INFORMATION FOR YOUR GRAZING OPERATION. Answer the following questions:

Acres used for grazingland _____

Is any of your grazingland irrigated? **Yes** **No**
If yes, what fields? _____

Days per year on pasture _____

Do you have any rotation grazing? **Yes** **No**
If yes, please provide details: _____

Do you have a set number of pastures or paddocks? **Yes** **No**
If yes, how many? _____

How do you rotate the livestock? _____

Do you manage grazing on grazingland to avoid soil compaction? **Yes** **No**

Do you have a winter feeding operation for your livestock? **Yes** **No**
If so, please mark on map.

▪ Do you have an adequate water supply? **Yes** **No**

▪ From where do your livestock get water? _____

Please mark water supplies on map.

Is it a reliable source? **Yes** **No**

Are the animals on a winter pasture or are they corralled? _____

How do you handle the winter accumulation of animal waste? _____

Are there streams going through your pasture or corral? **Yes** **No**

If yes, do the animals have access to the stream? **Yes** **No**

If no, how do you water your animals? _____

Do you measure the amount of grass your cattle graze to determine when to rotate livestock to another paddock? **Yes** **No**

Are you following a grazing plan? **Yes** **No**
 If yes, please provide a copy of the Grazing plan.

Does the grazing plan identify periods of grazing, rest and other treatment for each paddock? **Yes** **No**

Do you have any way of balancing forage availability with livestock and wildlife demands? **Yes** **No**

Are you managing your nutrients based on soil tests and plant needs? **Yes** **No**

<u>Type & breed of animals</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Size/Avg Weight</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

<u>Type of vegetation</u>	
Native Range	Acres _____
Grass	Acres _____
Grazed Forest	Acres _____
Pasture	Acres _____
Other (_____)	Acres _____
Other (_____)	Acres _____

Invasive species of concern (indicate areas on map) _____

What condition do you feel your range/pasture/other land is in?

	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>
Rangeland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pastureland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Are you interested in limiting livestock access to a stream? **Yes** **No**

Are there riparian areas that need to be addressed? **Yes** **No**

Is any of your grazingland irrigated? **Yes** **No**
 If yes, what fields and acres? _____

LOCATION OF GRAZINGLAND APPLICATION ACRES – Please provide copies of maps with legal descriptions and all fields clearly marked. Is the acreage offered currently under any other USDA Conservation Program? Check those that apply.

- ☐ *Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)*
- ☐ *Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)*
- ☐ *Conservation Security Program (CSP)*
- ☐ *Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP)*
- ☐ *Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)*
- ☐ *Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)*
- ☐ *Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)*

Please note the location and program(s) on the map(s) provided.

Wetland Information

Does any area on your farm stay wet for at least 7 days during the growing season?

Yes **No**

Is the vegetation different than areas nearby (grasses are higher, area avoided by livestock, sedges and rushes are seen growing there)?

Yes **No**

Are you using this land for pasture?
If no, what are you using it for?

Yes **No**

What are your interests for this land?

Wildlife Habitat Information

- Do you have an area on your farm that is managed for, used by, or left for wildlife?
If no, would you like to?

Yes No
Yes No

- What species of wildlife do you or will you manage/develop/improve habitat for? _____

- Are any of these species on the Utah Sensitive Species List?

Yes No
Do not know

- Which targeted habitat types(s) from the list below would you like to improve?

- ☐ Lowland Riparian
- ☐ Wetland
- ☐ Mountain Riparian
- ☐ Shrub steppe
- ☐ Flowing Water (Lotic)
- ☐ Wet Meadow
- ☐ Grassland

- Do you use this land for any recreational activities? (hunting, trapping, bird watching)

Yes No

- Do you have any special, unique, or rare wildlife sites such as Sage-grouse, leks, prairie dog towns, critical winter habitat?

Yes No

- If yes, please describe _____

- Have you worked with another agency (DWR, USFWS, Extension) to develop a wildlife plan?

Yes No

LOCATION OF WILDLIFE HABITAT APPLICATION ACRES – Please provide copies of maps with legal descriptions and all fields clearly marked. Is the acreage offered currently under any other USDA Conservation Program? Check those that apply.

- ☐ *Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)*
- ☐ *Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)*
- ☐ *Conservation Security Program (CSP)*
- ☐ *Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP)*
- ☐ *Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)*
- ☐ *Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)*
- ☐ *Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)*

Please note the location and program(s) on the map(s) provided.

Headquarters Information

Do you have a fertilizer/pesticide storage site and/or mixing and loading area?	Yes	No
Is rinse water from cleaning fertilizer/pesticide application equipment properly disposed of?	Yes	No
Are you interested in constructing an Ag Waste Storage Structure?	Yes	No

LOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS APPLICATION ACRES – Please provide copies of maps with legal descriptions and all fields clearly marked. Is the acreage offered currently under any other USDA Conservation Program? Check those that apply:

- ☐ *Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)*
- ☐ *Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)*
- ☐ *Conservation Security Program (CSP)*
- ☐ *Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP)*
- ☐ *Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)*
- ☐ *Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)*
- ☐ *Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)*

Please note the location and program(s) on the map(s) provided.

Confined Animal Feeding Operation Information

- ▶ Is the Animal Feeding Operation (AFO) currently permitted by the State of Utah? **Yes No**
- ▶ Are there any permitting issues that Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) needs to be aware of? **Yes No**
 If yes, please describe: _____
- ▶ Is the runoff from the AFO currently controlled? **Yes No Partially**
- ▶ Is seepage occurring from any existing storage facilities or structures? **Yes No**
- ▶ This AFO is requesting assistance for: (check appropriate box)
- ☐ an existing operation
☐ an existing operation that is expanding
☐ a new operation
- ▶ Do you store any manure on the farmstead? **Yes No**
- ▶ If yes, is the manure (please circle) **Liquid** **Solid** **Both**
- ▶ If the manure is solid, how is it stored? _____
- ▶ If the manure is liquid, how is it stored? _____
- ▶ Do you manage runoff from manure handling and feed handling areas? **Yes No**
- ▶ Does the runoff from the feedlot enter a natural water body? **Yes No**
- ▶ Do you have a current manure management plan or a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)? **Yes No**
If yes, please provide a copy with your application.
- ▶ What are the available acres to spread manure? (Include pasture, tillable, rented and owned.) _____
- ▶ What is the Feed Lot Size? _____

Utah Bulletin UT190-06-01 Concerning Feedlot Closures

May 3, 2006

UTAH BULLETIN UT190-06-01

SUBJECT: ECS – Agronomy – Closure of Animal Feedlots

Purpose: This bulletin provides guidance on the closure of animal feedlots.

Expiration Date: Until further notice.

Effective immediately, ALL Certified Nutrient Management Plans (CNMPs) requiring relocation of an animal feedlot must ensure the following minimum criteria are met:

1. The “old” feedlot must be decommissioned. This requirement must be specified in the plan and agreed to by the producer (sample language for inclusion in the CNMP is attached).
2. The “old” feedlot must have the manure removed and disposed of in accordance with Nutrient Management (590) and/or Waste Utilization (633) practice standard.

In addition, to eliminate the potential threat to surface water and groundwater quality, and human and animal health, the CNMP should prescribe specific practices (Critical Area Planting, Deep Tillage, Pest Management, etc.), as appropriate, in order to facilitate site reclamation, manure removal, establishment of vegetative cover, elimination of settling basins/manure catchments, prevention from potential concentration of pests, (including plants, rodents, insects), and treatment of utilities, wells, feeding/feed storage area, and animal/equipment management areas.

When the abandoned feedlot is at least 50 years old, Field Offices will:

1. Identify the feedlot as a cultural resource and initiate the Section 106 Review Process by submitting a Section 106 Review Form to the Cultural Resources Specialist. If the cultural resource is left in its original location, the project may proceed following completion of the Section 106 Review Process.
2. When it is necessary to remove the old feedlot, the significance of the historic resource must be evaluated by a Cultural Resource Specialist and determined in consultation with the appropriate parties.

Contacts: Niels Hansen, State Agronomist, (801) 524-4568, or Marnie Wilson, Cultural Resources Specialist, (801) 524-4591.

/s/ Sylvia A. Gillen

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State Conservationist

Distribution: E

(Sample statement for inclusion in Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan, specific to situations where feedlot relocation and decommissioning is being required)

An abandoned feedlot poses an immediate threat to surface water and groundwater quality. The unused facility is also a potential nuisance and source of health problems for humans and animals.

I agree to implement this Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) which identifies appropriate strategies to follow during the abandonment process and will result in minimal environmental risks associated with **permanent feedlot abandonment**, including *(planners: adapt this list to fit the CNMP strategy)*:

- Site reclamation
- Manure removal
- Establishment of vegetative cover
- Elimination of settling basins/manure catchments
- Application of pest management (weeds, rodents, insects)
- Decommissioning of wells, utilities, feeding and feed storage areas, and animal/equipment management areas.

I agree to **permanently decommission** (abandon) the existing livestock facility identified in this CNMP.

Producer

Certified CNMP Specialist

Date

Date

Please complete the following Livestock Inventory

Livestock	Number Animals onsite	Planned Number of Animals	Average Weight	# Days Confined
Horses				
All				
Dairy				
Milk Cows				
Dry Cows				
Heifers				
Calves				
Bulls				
Beef				
Cows				
Feeders				
Bulls				
Poultry				
Layers				
Pullets				
Broilers				
Turkeys				
Swine				
Lact. Sow				
Piglets				
Feeders				
Other				

Assistance Information for Programs

Please indicate if you are interested in any funding programs.

- **Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)**

EQIP offers financial and technical assistance to eligible participants for installation or implementation of structural and management practices on eligible agricultural lands.

- **Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)**

GRP is a voluntary program offering landowners the opportunity to protect, restore, and enhance grasslands on their property. Easements or annual rental payments are offered as part of the program.

- **Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)**

CRP encourages farmers to convert highly erodible cropland or other environmentally sensitive acreage to vegetative cover, such as tame or native grasses, wildlife plantings, trees, filter strips, or riparian buffers. Marginal land is the main target when looking for land to enroll in this program. Farmers receive an annual rental payment for the term of the multi-year contract.

- **Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA)**

CTA provides free technical assistance to help farmers and ranchers identify and solve natural resource problems on their farms and ranches. This might come as advice and counsel, through the design and implementation of a practice or treatment or as part of an active conservation plan. This program is provided through the local Soil Conservation Districts and NRCS.

- **Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)**

WRP is a voluntary program offering landowners the opportunity to protect, restore, and enhance wetlands on their property. Easements and restoration payments are offered as part of the program.

- **Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP)**

WHIP is a voluntary program offering financial and technical assistance to participants for restoring, maintaining, or enhancing wildlife habitat on eligible non-federal lands.

- **Conservation Security Program (CSP)**

CSP is a voluntary program that provides stewardship and maintenance payments to farmers who agree to continue using good conservation practices on their production land. CSP also provides cost sharing to install new practices and enhancement payments for farmers who go beyond the minimum requirements for protecting resources such as soil, water, air, energy, plant and animal life, on working lands.

Note: It is understood that this document does not contain all the elements to address every planning scenario. Further refining and editing of this document is anticipated based on field use and testing.

Practices Implemented Under Conservation Financial Assistance Programs

Removing a practice

It is the participant's responsibility to obtain approval from NRCS to remove a practice that was implemented under any other NRCS conservation financial assistance program if the practice has not fulfilled its service life or maintenance requirements.

All NRCS financial assistance payments made for practices removed or destroyed that have not fulfilled their service life will be deducted from the financial assistance payment due for the replacement practice.

☐ I have not nor will I remove/destroy any practices for which I have received financial assistance in the past by NRCS that have not fulfilled their service life.

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Authorization for NRCS Release of Specific Conservation Plan File Information

Persons receiving federal funding through the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to implement conservation projects are required to comply with all federal, state, and local laws, as well as obtain an required federal, state , or local permits prior to construction of the project.

In order to ensure compliance with the Endangered Species Act (ESA) NRCS is required to consult with US Fish and Wildlife Service if we determine our actions may affect Threatened and Endangered species or their habitat. A person who does not receive federal funding, but uses NRCS final designs/specifications, may request NRCS to consult with the USFWS on their behalf, but are not required to do so.

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) requires NRCS to take into account the effects of the proposed project on cultural resources that are listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Compliance with Section 106 may require NRCS to consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO), the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), representatives from one or more Federally Recognized Indian Tribe(s), representatives of local governments, and other individuals and organizations with a demonstrated interest in the undertaking. Cultural resources locational information will not be disclosed to the general public.

NRCS personnel and/or our technical representatives may require access to your private property to inventory for Threatened and Endangered species habitat and cultural resources. However, NRCS will not provide access to other agencies, groups, or individuals without your permission.

I, _____, have control of said project and/or property, and give my consent for NRCS to conduct resource inventories, consult with and/or release pertinent information, such as my name, property location, inventory results, and planned practices from my conservation plan relating to said consultation with the USFWS, the SHPO and any other consulting party to ensure compliance with ESA and NHPA.

I, _____, have control of said project and/or property, and choose **not** to give my consent for NRCS to conduct resource inventories, consult with and/or release pertinent information, such as my name, property location, inventory results, and planned practices from my conservation plan relating to said consultation with the USFWS, the SHPO and any other consulting party to ensure compliance with ESA and NHPA.

If you choose **not** to give your consent, you may work directly with these agencies when the need arises and provide assurance of ESA and NHPA compliance to the NRCS prior to implementation of your planned project. NRCS will provide you no further assistance until the consultation process has been completed. Implementation of your conservation project may be delayed until the consultation process is completed. Delays can range from 6 to 12 months or longer.

NOTE: Failure to provide consent may affect your eligibility to receive USDA funding for your project. You may cancel this consent by written notice.

Producer Signature

Date



For additional information on USDA programs and to access application forms, please see the following website www.ut.nrcs.usda.gov/programs.

In addition to the forms and certifications listed on page 3 of this document, the following forms or activities are required in order to complete process of applying for an NRCS financial assistance program:

- Conservation Plan Folder Check Sheet
- Location Map
- Authorization for NRCS Release of Specific Conservation Plan File Information
- CCC-1200 Conservation Program Application and Appendix
- CCC-526 Payment Eligibility
- FSA Forms (AD-1026 HEL, CCC-502 Farm Operating Plan, CCC-503A County Committee)
- 199-A Direct Deposit Sign-up Form
- Utah Bulletin – UT190-06-01
- SCE Cooperative Agreement
 - SCD and Participant(s) Signatures
- ACIMS (Entered by DC or FSA)
- Conservation Assistance Notes
- CPA-52 Environmental Evaluation Worksheet
- Section 106 Review Form (Application may be ranked prior to completion of Section 106 review.)
- Conservation Plan Map (Toolkit)
- Conservation Plan (Toolkit)
 - SCD, NRCS, and Participant(s) Signatures
- Ranking Completed in ProTracts

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